

Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of an instrument of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instrument shown below is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Application may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

*Docket Number:* 99-011. *Applicant:* University of Wisconsin-Madison, 750 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706.

*Instrument:* Micromanipulator, Model MK1. *Manufacturer:* Singer, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used for studies of RNA and protein, in microinjected *Xenopus Oocytes*. The objectives of the investigations are to: (a) Study the mechanisms by which tRNAs are exported and to determine what features of tRNAs are necessary and sufficient for their export; (b) study the mechanisms by which constitutive transport element (CTE) or MPMV is able to promote the release of completely spliced pre-mRNAs from spliceosomes and to relate export of that element to the process of normal mRNA export; and (c) study the structure of a small RNA export element and determine what factors lead to its export or retention. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 2, 1999.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### United States-Palestinian Business Advisory Group: Membership

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership opportunity.

**SUMMARY:** In February 1999, the U.S.-Palestinian Bilateral Committee agreed to establish the United States-Palestinian Business Advisory Group. This notice announces membership opportunities for American business representatives on the U.S. side of the Group.

**DATES:** In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received on or before July 19, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your requests for consideration to Paul Thanos, Desk Officer, Office of the Near East, U.S. Department of Commerce, either by fax at (202) 482-0878 or by mail to Room 2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Thanos, Desk Officer, Office of the Near East, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2029B, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230, Phone 202-482-1857.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S.-Palestinian Bilateral Committee agreed at its February 16, 1999 meeting to establish a private sector-led business advisory group to provide input to the subcommittee on Trade and Investment. This advisory group, to be named the United States-Palestinian Business Advisory Group (USPBAG)—will make recommendations that reflect private sector views, needs, and concerns regarding business development in the West Bank and Gaza and commercial ties between Americans and Palestinians. The USPBAG will advise the Trade and Investment Subcommittee on the following areas:

- Initiatives that can be taken to promote economic activity between American and Palestinian
- Palestinian commercial and investment laws
- Palestinian and U.S. trade policies
- Palestinian economic policies and their impact on the business climate

The USPBAG will be comprised of two sections, an American section and a Palestinian section. Each section will have ten members. Members will serve two year terms.

The members of each section will, to the extent possible, represent diverse commercial sectors. Priority sectors include: Agribusiness and food processing; banking communications; engineering and construction; information technology; insurance; manufacturing; power generation; restaurant and hospitality; tourism; and software, music, and video production. The State Department will appoint members in consultation with the Commerce Department.

Private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of their particular industry. Private sector members are not special government employees. U.S. members serve at the discretion of the Secretary of State. Members will not receive compensation for their

participation in USPBAG activities. Members participating in USPBAG meetings and events will be responsible for their own travel, living, and other personal expenses.

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, a potential candidate must be:

- A U.S. citizen residing in the United States
- A holder of a significant position in a private sector company or non-profit organization that has a unique technical expertise and outstanding reputation
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

In reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of State and Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

- Experience and interest in the West Bank and Gaza markets
- Industry or service sector represented
- Export/investment experience

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name(s) and title(s) of the individual(s) requesting consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's product, service, or technical expertise; size of the company; export trade, investment, or international program experience and major markets; and a brief statement of why the candidate(s) should be considered for membership in the USPBAG.

Dated: June 14, 1999.

**Thomas R. Parker,**

*Director, Office of the Near East.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Arab Emirates

June 11, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 21, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist,